

**HOW TO TELL A GOOD STORY
WORKSHEET COMPANION TO VIDEO BY DUTCH MARICH**

CHARACTERS

Who are your characters?

Give us their names and describe them.

Give some detail about their childhood, and where they are in their life now.

INTENTIONS AND OBSTACLES + CONFLICT

Keep this simple.

What does your main character want?

What are some obstacles or conflicts in their way of getting it?

STAKES

What is at stake for your character?

In other words, what do they have to lose if they do not get what they want?

HOOK

Now that you have your characters and have the bulk of the story - come up with a good hook that you can use at the very beginning of the story to pull the audience in.

Example: In a movie about ghosts, we might see a hook scene in the beginning where the ghost haunts or terrorizes a stranger. Keep this simple and fun.

What is your hook?

TRANSFORMATION

*Now that you have your story laid out and we know what happens to your characters:
How has this experience changed them?*

Going back to the ghost story - maybe the main character never believes in ghosts and laughs at his little brother who keeps seeing one....and at the end of the movie he is a believer and his relationship with his little brother is strengthened because he apologizes for not believing him.

There are a million ways that experiences can change people and make them grow.

How did this story change your main character?